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T O W N O F F I C E R S

Representative to the General Court

NATALIE FLANAGAN - 1976-77

Moderator

JOHN W. HERLIHY - 1976-77

Board of Selectmen

JOHN W. HOLBROOK, Chairman	TERM EXPIRES 1977
PHILIP V. CONSENTINO	TERM EXPIRES 1978
HELEN V. WOODLOCK	TERM EXPIRES 1979

Town Treasurer

GORDON E. BRENNAN	TERM EXPIRES 1977

Tax Collector

JESSI ANASTASI	TERM EXPIRES 1978

Town Clerk

ELEANOR ZAREMBA	TERM EXPIRES 1979

Supervisors of the Check List

PATRICIA CONSENTINO
MARTHA MACDONALD
ALICE SABATINO

Constable

KENNETH F. AUSTIN

Police Department

KENNETH F. AUSTIN, Chief of Police
FREDERICK F. BISHOP, Deputy

Officers

PHILIP CONSENTINO
PETER CROWE
VINCENT DOWD
DIANE KINNEY
LEO LEBOEUF
DONALD NYE

Reserve Officers

JOHN BERNABY
PAUL CARADONNA
EARL PRATT

Special Officers

DIANE AUSTIN
PATRICIA BERNETT
GORDON BRENNAN
HELEN CONLEY
HOWARD ROGERS
EDNA WILSON

Town Engineer

ROBERT V. YOUNG

Highway Agent

DANIEL W. STEWART — TERM EXPIRES 1977

Sexton

DANIEL W. STEWART

Trustees of the Trust Fund

BETTE ANN STEWART	TERM EXPIRES 1977
ELEANOR ZAREMBA	TERM EXPIRES 1978
ELIZABETH WOOD	TERM EXPIRES 1979

Library Trustees

DOROTHY GORDON	TERM EXPIRES 1977
ELEANOR FEUER	TERM EXPIRES 1978
PRISCILLA MILLS	TERM EXPIRES 1979

HONORARY TRUSTEE - GLADYS DYKE

Health Officer

DANIEL W. STEWART — TERM EXPIRES 1976
RAYMOND MORELLI

Fire Department

Board of Engineers

CHIEF	DONALD L. MURPHY
DEPUTY CHIEF	ROBERT NEIL
CAPTAIN	JOHN ROCKWELL
FIRST LIEUTENANT	WILLIAM KINNEY
SECOND LIEUTENANT	GEORGE POWERS

Fire Department Members

ALBERT APTIZ
JESSE BOYDEN
RICHARD BUCHANAN
JOSEPH CHOUINARD
ROGER CLAPP
ERNEST CONSENTINO
PHILIP CONSENTINO
DONALD DELORIE
CHARLES EARLEY
JULIAN HANKUS
DARRELL HOLLENBECK
GEORGE HONOR
R. ALLEN HOTCHKISS
MICHAEL HUGHES
CHARLES KINNEY
HUGO LAMIE
VINCENT MARCHAND
PAUL MEADE
HERBERT MEDLEY
WILLIAM MOODY
DONALD MURPHY, JR.
CHARLES PATUTO
DANIEL STEWART
PATRICK SULLIVAN
DONALD WALSH
ROBERT WATERS
ROLAND WEEMAN
JAMES WELLS
DAVID WEYMOUTH
ALVA WHITWORTH
ROBERT WISECARVER
ROBERT YANACEK
ROBERT YOUNG

Training Officer

JOHN ROCKWELL

Burner Inspectors

CHARLES EARLEY
RANSOM NORRIS

Maintenance Officer

WILLIAM KINNEY

Communication Center

HELEN CONLEY

Department Photographer

ALVA WHITWORTH

Department Physicians

RAYMOND MOORE, M.D.
WILLIAM R. HART, M.D.

Building Inspector

JESSE BOYDEN

Civil Defense

ALBERT CONSENTINO, Director — TERM EXPIRES 1977
PHILIP CONSENTINO — TERM EXPIRES 1977

Planning Board

LLOYD BLACKADAR, Vice Chrm.	TERM EXPIRES 1977
ROGER STORK	TERM EXPIRES 1977
S. LYMAN GRAY	TERM EXPIRES 1978
KENNETH GRANT, Chairman	TERM EXPIRES 1979
LINDA ROBERTS	TERM EXPIRES 1980
DAVID J. ROCKWELL	TERM EXPIRES 1981

JOHN W. HOLBROOK, Ex-officio

Board of Adjustment

MERLE R. ASHFORD	TERM EXPIRES 1977
C. CARROLL ROCK, Chairman	TERM EXPIRES 1978
RICHARD PYNE	TERM EXPIRES 1978
RUSSELL P. BURBANK	TERM EXPIRES 1979
DUDLEY B. KILLAM	TERM EXPIRES 1980

Municipal Budget Committee

THOMAS MERRICK, Chairman	TERM EXPIRES 1977
RICHARD PAOLINO	TERM EXPIRES 1977
CLIFTON A. PIPER	TERM EXPIRES 1978
ANTHONY NOBREGA	TERM EXPIRES 1978
JAMES WELLS	TERM EXPIRES 1979
BERGERON NORRIS	TERM EXPIRES 1979

PHILIP V. CONSENTINO, Ex-officio

Recreation Commission

LEONARD PERREAULT	TERM EXPIRES 1977
ELIZABETH TENTARELLI, Chairman	TERM EXPIRES 1977
NORMAN KIMBALL	TERM EXPIRES 1978
BARBARA SNICER	TERM EXPIRES 1979
DAVID HEFFERNAN	TERM EXPIRES 1979

Conservation Commission

WINTHROP COMLEY	TERM EXPIRES 1977
CHRISTA SLADE	TERM EXPIRES 1977
EDWARD HALE	TERM EXPIRES 1977
ALAN XENAKIS	TERM EXPIRES 1978
CAROL GRANT, Chairman	TERM EXPIRES 1978
CHESTER LADD	TERM EXPIRES 1979
JOHN WIDMAN	TERM EXPIRES 1979

Southern Rockingham Regional Planning District Representatives

KENNETH GRANT	TERM EXPIRES 1977
IVAN GROTENHUIS	TERM EXPIRES 1979

Dog Officer

HOWARD ROGERS

Fence Viewers

DIANE KINNEY DANIEL STEWART

BERGERON NORRIS

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

MARTIN FEUER RALPH LEWIS

ROGER SAWYER

Appreciation is extended to the following persons who served in a volunteer capacity on town committees:

Ambulance Study Committee

Kenneth Grant, Gwen Grotenhuis, Robert Snicer, Robert Waters Roland Weeman and James Wells

Town Building Needs Committee

Frederick Hellmuth, Margaret Hellmuth, Bergeron Norris and Edna Wilson

Town Disposal Study Committee

Anthony Nobrega, Kenneth Grant, Raymond Fournier, Alvin Kaupin and Vincent Marchand

Atkinson Selectmen

John W. Holbrook, Chairman; Joyce Witley, Clerk; Philip V. Consentino, Helen V. Woodlock, Joanne Carbone, Clerk

Budget Committee

Anthony Nobrega, Clifton Piper, Bergeron Norris, Thomas Merrick, Chairman; Philip Consentino, James Wells, Richard Paolino

Road Agent

Daniel W. Stewart

Fire Chief

Donald Murphy

Police Chief

Kenneth Austin

Board of Adjustment

Merle Ashford, C. Carrol Rock, Chairman; Richard Pyne; Russell Burbank, Dudley Killam

Planning Board

John W. Holbrook, ex-officio; Roger Stork, David Rockwell, Lloyd Blackadar, Kenneth Grant, chairman; S. Lyman Gray. Absent - Linda Roberts

Southern Rockingham Regional Representatives

Kenneth Grant Ivan Grotenhuis

Building Inspector

Jesse Boyden

Recreation Commission

Barbara Snicer, David Heffernan, Elizabeth Tentarelli, Chairman, Leonard Perreault, Norman Kimball

Conservation Commission

Chet Ladd, Carol Grant, Crysta Slade, Ed Hale.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF VOTING

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1976

Article

1. Remaining Town Officers Chosen:
   Diane Kinney,
   Bergeron Norris — Fence Viewers
   Daniel Stewart

   Martin Feuer
   Roger Sawyer — Surveyors of Wood and Lumber
   Ralph Lewis

3. Accepted.
4. Defeated.
5. Accepted.
6. Accepted.
7. Defeated.
8. Accepted.
9. Accepted.
10. Accepted.
11. Tabled.
12. Accepted.
13. Accepted.
14. Accepted.
15. Accepted.
16. Accepted.
17. Accepted.
18. Accepted.
19. Defeated.
20. Accepted.
21. Tabled.
22. Accepted.
23. Defeated.
24. Accepted.
25. Accepted.
26. Accepted.
27. Accepted.
28. Accepted plus $12,050.
29. Accepted.
30. Accepted.

SUMMARY - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 15, 1976

Article 1. Accepted - 102 Yes; 56 No
Article 2. Accepted.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Appropriations

Town Officers' Salaries		$ 17,430.00
Town Officers' Expenses		11,550.00
Election & Registration Expenses		1,712.00
Appraisal of Property		1,500.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings		7,760.00
Employees' Retirement & Social Security		3,000.00
Contingency Fund		2,500.00
Police Department		20,623.00
Fire Department		15,945.00
Insurance		9,000.00
Planning & Zoning		750.00
Damages & Legal Expenses		7,000.00
Civilian Defense		150.00
Health Department		2,300.00
Vital Statistics		50.00
Highway Maintenance		12,535.58
Town Dump & Garbage Collection		40,445.00
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter		58,864.42
Street Lighting		6,600.00
General Expenses of Highway Department		3,660.00
Town Road Aid		557.08
Libraries		12,125.00
Town Poor		4,000.00
Old Age Assistance		624.00
Conservation		1,075.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day)		587.00
Recreation (Parks, Playgrounds, etc.)		2,775.00
Cemeteries		2,100.00
Advertising & Regional Associations		1,799.92
Payment on Debts - Principal	$ 4,000.00	
Interest	1,000.00	5,000.00
Interest on Temporary Loans		23,000.00
Capital Outlay		
Article No. 5 - Tax Map		10,000.00
Article No. 14 - Fire Truck		25,000.00
Article No. 16 - Police Cruiser		5,620.00
Payment to Capital Reserve Fund - No. 13		15,000.00
Article No. 20 - Pheasant Lane Reconstruct.		4,400.00
Article No. 22 - Ambulance Service		5,000.00
Article No. 24 - Paint Library		3,450.00
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		$345,488.00
LESS: Estimated Revenues and Credits		
Interest and Dividends Tax		$ 16,138.30
Meals and Rooms Tax		19,117.41

Savings Bank Tax	$ 1,689.70
TRA Accelerated Program	3,713.88
Interest Received on Taxes	1,000.00
Interest Received on Deposits	10,000.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	3,200.00
Dog Licenses	1,400.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	60,000.00
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	200.00
Pope Road - BOR Funds	520.00
Federal Funds - Bicentennial	950.00
Resident Taxes	17,690.00
Surplus	55,194.00
Revenue Sharing (Contra)	10,000.00
Highway Subsidy	12,535.58
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	$ 189,154.87
Net Town Appropriations	$ 156,333.13
Net School Appropriations	977,155.10
County Tax Assessment	46,238.15
TOTAL - TOWN, SCHOOL AND COUNTY	$ 1,179,726.38
Deduct: Total Bus. Prof. Tax Reimb.	3,911.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	15,000.00
Overlay	7,332.52
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	$ 1,198,147.90
Property Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Gross Property Taxes	$ 1,198,147.90
Less: W/Service Tax Credit	15,000.00
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	$ 1,183,147.90

TAX RATE - Approved by the Dept. of Revenue Administration $3.68

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

1.	Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$43,000.00
	Furniture and Equipment	4,550.00
2.	Libraries, Land and Buildings	84,000.00
	Furniture and Equipment	10,000.00
3.	Police Department, Land and Buildings	14,000.00
	Equipment	20,000.00
4.	Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	40,000.00
	Equipment	170,000.00
5.	Highway Department, Land and Buildings	20,000.00
	Equipment	7,500.00
	Materials and Supplies	600.00
6.	Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	15,000.00
	Land and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds	
	Pentucket Builders	1,500.00
	Terrell Property	1,300.00
	Murdock Land	500.00
	Kirby Property	948.00
	All other Property and Equipment	
	Designated Land - Town Use	9,500.00
	Cemeteries	5,500.00
	Total	$447,898.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Description of Property		1976 Valuation
Land		$ 9,329,799.00
Buildings		22,969,068.00
Public Utilities - Public Service		25,650.00
Exeter & Hampton		370,000.00
Public Water Utility		61,150.00
Boats & Launches		9,800.00
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED		$32,765,467.00
Blind Exemptions (4)	$ 20,000.00	
Elderly Exemptions (24)	187,100.00	
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED		$ 207,200.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		$32,558,367.00

CURRENT USE

Total Current Use Acreage	1,725.38	
Total Current Use Value		$300,942.00
Total Ad Valorem		$688,760.00

Usage	Acreage
Wild	44.5
Horticultural	1
Forage	155.
Permanent Pasture	87
Inactive Farmland	166.45
Forest	1,106.63
Wet	164.8
Total	1,725.38 *

*384.5 of these acres are designated as Recreational.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

Appropriation Account	1975 Carryover	Amount	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance	Overdraft	1977 Carryover
Town Off.Sal.		$17,430.00		$19,873.27		$ 2,443.27	
Town Off.Exp.		11,550.00		13,538.81		1,988.81	
Elec.&Reg.		1,712.00		1,809.01		97.01	
Town Hall & Other Bldgs.		7,760.00		6,750.24	$1,009.76		
Soc.Sec.&Ret.		3,000.00		2,800.64	199.36		
App. of Prop.		1,500.00		1,750.68		250.68	
Police		20,623.00		19,106.60	1,516.40		
Fire	$ 500.66	15,945.00		16,530.88		85.22	
Insurance		9,000.00		8,605.00	395.00		
Plan. & Zon.		750.00		1,031.08		281.08	
Dam. & Legal		7,000.00		4,947.38	2,052.62		
Civil Defense		150.00		31.00	119.00		
Health		2,300.00		2,593.63		293.63	
Vital Stat.		50.00		33.75	16.25		
Dump		40,445.00		41,865.80		1,420.80	
Summer Main.		26,064.42		16,786.68	9,277.74		
Gas Tax		12,535.58		12,535.58			
Winter Main.		32,800.00		33,407.91		607.91	
St. Lights		6,600.00		8,410.05		1,810.05	
Gen.High,Exp.		3,660.00		2,967.30	692.70		
T.R.A.		557.08		557.08			
Library		12,125.00		12,125.00			
Town Poor		4,000.00		2,395.25	1,604.75		
Old Age Assist.		624.00			624.00		
Mem. Day		587.00		675.74		88.74	
Recreation		2,775.00		2,605.08	169.92		
Conservation	150.06	1,075.00		1,115.19	109.87		$100.00
Cemetery		2,100.00		2,994.45		894.45	
Adv. & Reg.		1,799.92		1,718.25	81.67		
Prin. - L.Term		4,000.00		4,000.00			
Int. L.Term		1,000.00		1,000.00			

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT - 2

Appropriation Account	1975 Carryover	Amount	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance	Overdraft	1977 Carryover
Int. - Temp.		$23,000.00		$17,283.33	$5,716.67		
Cont. Fund		2,500.00		2,500.00			
Sub-Totals	$ 650.72	$277,018.00		$264,344.66	$23,585.71	$10,261.65	$100.00
Special Appropriations							
1974							
Art.13-Cem.	329.50				329.50		329.50
1975							
Art.10Water Hole	1,000.00				1,000.00		1,000.00
Art.11 Trees	869.96			892.00		22.05	
Art.12 History	5,246.82			5,050.07	196.75		
Art.14 Bicent.	1,981.00		$1,347.47	2,959.34	369.13		
1976							
Art.5 Tax Map		10,000.00		10,000.00			
Art.13 Fire D. Cap.Res.		15,000.00		15,000.00			
Art.14 F.Truck		25,000.00			25,000.00		25,000.00
Art.16 Cruiser		5,620.00		5,629.01		9.01	
Art.20 Pheasant Lane		4,400.00		5,649.50		1,249.50	
Art.22 Amb.Serv.		5,000.00		4,682.97	317.03		
Art.24 Lib.Paint.		3,450.00		3,267.64	182.36		
Sub Totals	9,427.27	68,470.00	$1,347.47	53,130.53	27,394.77	1,280.56	26,329.50
TOTALS	$10,077.99	$345,488.00	$1,347.47	$317,475.19	$50,980.48	$11,542.21	$26,429.50

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer		$551,288.72
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Fire Equipment	$30,000.00	30,000.00
Accounts Due Town:		
From State		
TRA Income	3,695.01	
Crime Commission - Cruiser	2,172.00	
Other:		
Town History	4,000.00	9,871.01
Unredeemed Taxes		
Levy of 1975	5,405.45	
Levy of 1974	1,451.75	6,852.20
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1976	100,969.67	
Levy of 1975	90.00	101,659.37
GRAND TOTAL		$699,075.63
Current Surplus, December 31, 1975		$ 71,000.00
Current Surplus, December 31, 1976		149,703.03
Increase		78,703.03

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by Town:		
Bills Outstanding	$ 100.00	
Unexpended Balance of Special Appropriations	1,329.50	
School District Tax Payable	505,943.10	
Total Accounts Owed by Town		$507,372.60
Capital Reserve Funds		30,000.00
Total Liabilities		$537,372.60
Current Surplus		161,703.03
GRAND TOTAL		$699,075.63

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
From Local Taxes:	
Property Taxes - 1976	$1,086,135.14
Resident Taxes - 1976	17,090.00

Nat. Bank Stock Taxes - 1976	$ 12.50	$1,103.237.64
Property Taxes - Prev. Year		41,397.13
Resident Taxes - Prev. Year		1,850.00
Tax Sales		
1973	5,188.39	
1975	24,014.14	29,202.53
Int. Recd. on Delinquest Taxes		3,504.52
Penalties		277.00
Tax Sales Redeemed		23,184.53
From State:		
For Town Road Aid		3,713.88
Highway Subsidy		12,539.87
Interest & Dividends Tax		16,138.39
Savings Bank Tax		1,689.70
Reim. - Manpower Program		4,021.85
Meals and Rooms Tax		21,044.79
Reim. - Business Profits Tax		3,911.20
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses		1,073.00
Bus. licenses, permits & filing fees		7,005.78
Tree Farm		71.75
Rent of Town Property		295.00
Int. Recd. on Deposits		16,811.07
Income from Depts. (Library)		326.99
Motor Vehicle Permits		75,720.30
TOTAL CURRENT REVENUE RECEIPTS		$1,367,013.83
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	$600,000.00	
Insurance Adjustments	95.00	
Refunds	563.57	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	500.00	
Sale of Town Property	450.00	
Grants from U.S.A.		
Revenue Sharing	20,607.00	
Comm. on Crime & Delinquency	1,160.00	
Emergency Employment Act	160.00	
Recreation Grants	518.17	
All Other Receipts		
Transfer	402,297.82	
Cert. of Deposit	693,000.00	
Checks Ret. Payment	7,272.47	
TOTAL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE		$1,727,574.03
Total Receipts from All Sources		$3,093,637.86
Cash on Hand - January 1, 1976		479,539.92
GRAND TOTAL		$3,573,177.78

PAYMENTS

General Government:			
Town Officers salaries		$19,873.27	
Town Officers' expenses		13,538.81	
Election & Registration		1,809.01	
Town Hall & Other Buildings		6,750.24	
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police		19,106.60	
Fire Department		16,530.88	
Planning & Zoning		1,031.01	
Insurance		8,605.00	
Civil Defense		31.00	
Conservation Commission		1,115.19	
Health:			
Health Dept. Incl. Ambulance		2,593.63	
Vital Statistics		33.75	
Town Dump		41,865.80	
Highways & Bridges:			
Gas Tax		12,535.58	
Town Road Aid		557.08	
Town Maintenance			
Summer	$16,786.68		
Winter	33,407.91	50,194.59	
Street lighting		8,410.05	
General Exp. Highway Dept.		2,967.30	
Library		12,125.00	
Public Welfare			
Town Poor		1,566.75	
Aid to Perm. & Totally Disabled		828.50	
Memorial Day		675.74	
Parks and Playgrounds		2,605.08	
Cemeteries		2,994.45	
Unclassified:			
Damages & Legal Expenses		4,947.38	
Adv. & Regional Associations		1,718.25	
Taxes bought by town		25,054.63	
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds		3,111.66	
Emp. Ret. & Soc. Security		2,800.64	
All Other Current Maintenance Expenses		2,500.00	$ 270,227.62
Debt Service			
Interest on Debt:			
Paid on tax anticipation notes		$17,283.33	
Paid on long term notes		1,000.00	18,283.33
Principal of Debt:			
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes		600,000.00	
Payments on long term notes		4,000.00	

Certificate of Deposit	$643,000.00	$1,247,000.00
Capital Outlay:		
1975:		
Art. 11 - Trees	292.00	
Art. 12 - History	5,050.07	
Art. 14 - Bicentennial	2,959.34	
1976		
Art. 16 - Police Cruiser	5,629.01	
Art. 20 - Pheasant Lane	5,649.50	
Art. 22 - Ambulance	4,862.97	
Checks Returned	5,928.65	
Transfers	458,371.73	
Art. 24 - Library	3,267.64	
Art. 13 (F.D. Capital Reserve)	15,000.00	
Tax Map (Art. 5 - Rev. Sharing)	10,000.00	517,610.91
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	$ 46,238.15	
Payments to School District	922,529.05	968,767.20
Total Payments for all Purposes		$3,021,889.06
Cash on Hand		551,288.72
GRAND TOTAL		$3,573,177.78

SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Long Term Notes Outstanding:	Purpose	Amount
No. 31 Maude K. Bronson - 6 1/4%	Highway	$3,000.00
No. 32 " " "	"	3,000.00
No. 33 " " "	"	3,000.00
No. 34 " " "	"	3,000.00
Total Long Term Indebtedness		$12,000.00

RECONCILATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Long Term Debt - December 31, 1975 - June 30, 1976

Bonds Paid - Highway

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT - 1976

1976 is best characterized as a year of change for the Town of Atkinson. We have experienced a complete turnover in the Police Department, almost the same on the Planning Board, new directions are emerging - only the future holds the key as to whether or not they are proper for our Town.

Our old friendsthe growth problem and concomitant high tax rate are still with us and bigger than ever. Eighty-eight new housing starts is a bit startling. Two-acre zoning is before the voters again this year. It's not the total answer to slowing our rapid rate of growth and lowering our tax burden, but it's one step in the right direction. A second step is the Planning Board's new Subdivision Control Regulation on Housing Density based on type of soil. This is also a beginning toward protecting the future quality of Atkinson's ground water. A third step, is the referendum question on the ballot which would require new subdivisions to generate the capital requirements for school needs which they would create. In this regard, we have filed for changes in the State enabling legislation which would permit this throughout New Hampshire.

The Conservation Commission has come into its own this past year. Although we were quite disappointed with the abrupt ending to the Beaver Dam-Lake project, many other projects were brought to a successful conclusion, as evidenced by their Annual Report. The Selectmen and Conservation Commission have entered into a joint project to purchase some 65 acres of the "Sawyer" land to be preserved for Town use forever. This will be before you at Town Meeting and we encourage your support.

One of our goals for 1976 was the planning for an Administrative Assistant in the Selectmen's Office. This never came to pass due to the pressure of other business; however, it is still a high priority item with us, as there are many additional benefits which would accrue to the Town with a full-time employee at the Town Hall, (such as more Federal funding, outside meeting attendance, action on daily problems in a more timely fashion, improved financial reporting).

Solid Waste Disposal is still a major expense to the Town, and while all the facts are not in at this writing (at least for the Selectmen to take a strong position one way or the other) it appears you will have a few alternatives to consider at Town Meeting. They are as follows:

1. Continue as we are, approximately $36,000 cost in 1977 and approximately $33,000 cost in 1978 with our present Transfer Station Operation.
2. Go into the Incineration business by floating bonds for approximately $140,000.
3. Have the Town go into the trucking business and haul our own waste out of Town.

4. Continue with No. 1 and hope for the new Federal Funding Program to pay for one of the other alternatives.

The Selectmen would like to thank all the Boards and Committees for volunteering their time and for their cooperation this past year, with special thanks to "Colonel" Adams for directing Atkinson's Bicentennial Celebration, "Dan" Stewart, who has served in Atkinson's Fire Service for over 30 years, and "Jake" Collins who directed the efforts of Atkinson's Planning Board for over 10 years.

J. W. Holbrook, Chairman
H. V. Woodlock
P. V. Consentino

REPORT OF THE ATKINSON MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Did you know that your Town Department Budget recommended this year is very nearly double the 1973 Department expenditures? Department expenditures in the past few years were:

1973	1974	1975	1976
$162,848.00	$181,630.00	$202,837.00	$264,345.00

The figure recommended for 1977 is $302,677.

These increases were thoroughly discussed by your town officers, the Budget Committee and finally by you when you voted for the appropriations in those past years. They reflect inflation, growth, and your desires for increased or improved services. Special articles added to the total expenditures in each of the above years, but such things as water holes and Tax Maps are difficult to compare.

It is your right to determine how much of your money will be spent for Town services. You should come to Town Meeting and, after careful consideration, cast your vote firmly in the direction of your conviction.

Please come to Town Meeting and do just that.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas B. Merrick, Chairman
ATKINSON BUDGET COMMITTEE

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Levy of 1976

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	$1,191,035.86	
Resident Taxes	18,930.00	
Total Warrant		$1,209,965.86
Added Taxes		
Property Taxes	3,502.26	
Resident Taxes	1,420.00	
		4,922.26
Overpayments During Year		
Property Taxes	156.51	
		156.51
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		79.99
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		45.00
TOTAL DEBITS		$1,215,169.62
Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	$1,086,135.14	
Resident Taxes	17,090.00	
Interest Collected	79.99	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	45.00	
		$1,103,350.13
Abatements Made During Year		
Property Taxes	9,219.82	
Resident Taxes	1,630.00	
		10,849.82
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976 (As Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	99,339.67	
Resident Taxes	1,630.00	
		100,969.67
TOTAL CREDITS		$1,215,169.62

Levy of 1975

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year
Ended January 1, 1976

Property Taxes	$ 40,857.11
Interest Collected	1,036.19
Resident Taxes	2,520.00
Penalties Collected	257.00
Total	$ 44,670.30

Abatements	
Property Taxes	870.84
Resident Taxes	190.00
Total	$ 1,060.84

Uncollected	
Resident Taxes	90.00
Tax Sale March 20, 1976	$ 25,165.08

Levy of 1974

Resident Taxes Collected	$ 20.00
Penalties Collected	2.00
Total	$ 22.00

Remittances to Treasurer During Year

	1975	1974	1973
Redemptions	$ 19,499.49	$2,516.87	$478.17
Int. & Costs	652.24	312.27	62.87
Totals	$20,151.73	$2,829.14	$541.04

Abatement of $149.60 for 1975 taxes on my 1976 tax sale

Costs collected $1.00

Unredeemed taxes as of December 31, 1976

1975	1974
$5,405.45	$1,451.75

Total remitted to treasurer for year 1976 $1,171,565.34

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Jessi Anastasi, Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

Arlington Trust Co. Checking Account

January 1, 1976 Balance	$65,509.61
Cash Received	$2,713,641.91
Total	$2,779,151.57
Cash Disbursed	2,696,889.06
December 31, 1976 - Balance	$ 82,262.51

Cash Disbursements:

Selectmen's Vouchers	$1,308.911.75
Certificate of Deposit	643,000.00
Interest Paid	18,741.66
Tax Anticipation Notes	600,000.00
Checks Returned	5,928.65
Highway Note	4,000.00
Transfers	
To Savings Acct.	100,000.00
To Fed. Rev. Sharing Acct.	14,764.00
To Green Belt Acct.	6,543.00
TOTAL	$2,696,889.06

Gordon E. Brennan
TREASURER

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

CASH SUMMARY

	1975 Balance	Received	1976 Interest	Paid Out	1976 Balance
Arlington Trust Co.					
Checking Account	$65,509.61	$2,702,015.27	$11,626.69	$2,696,889.06	$ 82,262.55
Cert. of Deposit	300,000.00	250,000.00	Check. Acct.	300,000.00	250,000.00
Fed. Rev.Sharing	49,823.33	14,764.00	3,068.44	0	67,655.77
Savings Acct.	56,287.46	0	1,808.59	25,000.00*	33,096.05
Reserve Acct.	0	100,000.00	3,217.39	0	103,217.39
Greenbelt Acct.	4,136.79	6,543.00	361.70	0	11,041.49
Plaistow Cooperative Civil Defense	749.49	0	51.56	0	801.02
Haverhill National Recreation Acct.	1,010.25	0	61.17	0	1,071.42
Family Mutual Whittaker Fund	798.35	0	47.38	0	845.73
Family Mutual William C. Todd Fund	1,224.67	0	72.67	0	1,297.34
TOTALS	$479,539.92	$3,073,322.27	$20,315.59	$3,021,889.06	$551,288.72

* To Checking Account

Gordon E. Brennan
TREASURER

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

1976 Appropriation.....$17,430.00

Summary of Expenditures:

John W. Holbrook, Selectman	$1,000.00	
Helen V. Woodlock, Selectman	900.00	
Philip V. Consentino, Selectman	900.00	
Gordon Brennan, Treasurer	800.00	
Eleanor Zaremba, Town Clerk	4,346.35	
Muriel Hirsch, Assist. Town Clerk	150.00	
Cheryl Hadley, Assist. Town Clerk	215.00	
Jessi Anastasi, Tax Collector	3,524.65	
Joanne Carbone, Clerk	2,465.00	
Joyce Witley, Clerk	1,381.75	
Jesse Boyden, Bldg. Insp.	2,639.95	
Roland Weeman, Asst. Bldg. Insp.	65.00	
Robert Young, Town Engineer	165.00	
Hugo Laime, Lg. Animal Officer	14.00	
Howard Rogers, Dog Officer	895.13	
Diane Kinney, Asst. Dog Officer	411.44	$19,873.27
Overexpended		$ 2,443.27

TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

1976 Appropriation.....$11,550.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Town Reports	$1,050.48
Computer Services	1,375.03
Micro-filming	160.28
Clerical Work	91.50
Safety Deposit Dox	7.50
Flag Care	75.00
Mileage & Expenses	410.52
Postage - P.O. Boxes	1,050.19
Association Dues	454.82
Equipment	841.69
Supplies	1,300.59
Miscellaneous	462.99
Audits (Remainder 73-74, 75)	5,552.09
Census	25.00
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	40.50
Dog Officer Supplies	58.45
Public Notices	101.73
Ecology Days	19.35
Signs	78.50

Bicycle Licenses	160.00	
Town Vehicle Moving	222.60	$ 13,538.81
Overexpended		$ 1,988.81

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

1976 Appropriation.....$ 1,712.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Checklist Supervisors	$ 175.00	
Moderator	50.00	
Meals	258.43	
Voting Booth set-ups	80.00	
Postage	26.10	
Ballot Clerks	585.00	
Printing	271.70	
Public Notices	13.13	
New Voting Booths	253.96	
Supplies	38.69	
Miscellaneous	2.00	
Custodian	55.00	$ 1,809.01
Overexpended		$ 97.01

TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS

1976 Appropriation.....$ 7,760.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Custodial	$1,540.00	
Telephone	1,077.24	
Electricity	1,357.91	
Fuel	1,296.18	
Supplies	218.98	
Maintenance	334.30	
Equipment	457.97	
Beautification	450.00	
Miscellaneous	17.66	$ 6,750.24
Balance		$ 1,009.76

SOCIAL SECURITY

1976 Appropriation.....$ 3,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Social Security	$ 2,785.86	
OASI Funds	14.78	$ 2,800.64
Balance		$ 199.36

APPRAISAL

1976 Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
State of New Hampshire	$ 1,567.86	
Edward Bellavance	182.82	$ 1,750.68
Overdraft		$ 260.68

INSURANCE

1976 Appropriation		$ 9,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Lloyd Blackadar Ins.	$ 8,605.00	$ 8,605.00
Balance		$ 395.00

PLANNING AND ZONING

1976 Appropriation		$ 750.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Clerical	$ 300.00	
Postage - P.O. Boxes	115.46	
Public Notices	278.62	
Supplies	12.00	
Booklets	325.00	$ 1,031.08
Overexpended		$ 281.08

DAMAGES AND LEGAL EXPENSES

1976 Appropriation		$ 7,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Town Council	$ 4,289.90	
Wells	117.48	
Police Cases	500.00	
Special Council	40.00	$ 4,947.38

Balance		$ 2,052.62

CIVIL DEFENSE

1976 Appropriation		$ 150.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Dictaphone	$ 10.00	
Mileage	21.00	$ 31.00
Balance		$ 119.00

HEALTH

1976 Appropriation		$ 2,300.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Salem Mental Health	$ 1,500.00	
Ambulance	45.00	
Notices	45.88	
Health Officer	1,002.75	$ 2,593.63
Overexpended		$ 293.63

VITAL STATISTICS

1976 Appropriation		$ 50.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Eleanor Zaremba	$ 33.75	$ 33.75
Balance		$ 16.25

DUMP

1976 Appropriation		$ 40,445.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Sanitary Landfill Contract	$ 39,597.20	
Supplies	16.30	
Holding Tanks	999.00	
Gravel	84.00	
Labor	106.80	
Equipment Rental	889.50	
Road Agent	65.00	
Signs	108.00	$ 41,865.80
Overexpenditure		$ 1,420.80

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1975 Carryover.....$ 500.66
1976 Appropriation.....$15,945.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Inspections	$ 281.80	
Uniforms	432.94	
Waterhole Maintenance	742.94	
Salaries	137.00	
Gas/Oil	616.20	
Truck Maintenance	4,654.40	
Training	756.87	
Misc. Equipment & Repairs	3,725.72	
Forestry	108.44	
Miscellaneous	235.54	
Fire Prevention	136.96	
Dispatch	600.00	
Communication & Radio Maintenance	345.25	
Walkie-Talkies	900.00	
Heat	1,086.97	
Electricity	528.56	
Telephone	936.29	
Hose	200.00	
Miscellaneous Service	105.00	$ 16,530.88
Overexpenditure		$ 85.22

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1976 Appropriation.....$ 20,623.00

Summary of Expenditures:

Kenneth Austin, Chief, Salary	$ 2,345.00
" " Mileage	155.52
Robert Conley, Salary	521.50
" " Mileage	167.87
Fred Bishop, Salary	632.00
" " Mileage	170.76
Paul Caradonna, Salary	624.25
" " Mileage	196.56
Donald Nye, Salary	926.75
" " Mileage	245.04
Philip Consentino, Salary	943.25
" " Mileage	111.96
Peter Crowe, Salary	189.75
Diane Kinney, Salary	1,079.00
" " Mileage	92.40
Leo LeBoeuf, Salary	683.00
" " Mileage	6.96
Vincent Dowd, Salary	115.50

Earl Pratt, Salary	$ 434.50	
" " Mileage	450.84	
John Bernaby, Salary	63.25	
" " Mileage	30.72	
Atkinson Police Association	49.10	
Dispatch	2,414.50	
Clerical	1,211.00	
Police Matron	24.75	
Asst. to Clerk	198.00	
Radio Mainentance & Repair	443.15	
Office Equipment & Repair	302.02	
Office Supplies	105.21	
Breathalizer Tests	10.00	
Training	71.10	
Custodian	40.00	
School Crossing Guard	820.00	
Radio	1,221.00	
Car Maintenance & Equipment	110.60	
Gas	357.01	
Heat	505.34	
Telephone	736.94	
Electricity	275.50	
Miscellaneous	25.00	$ 19,106.00
Balance		$ 1,516.40

STREET LIGHTS

1976 Appropriation.....$ 6,600.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	$ 8,280.10	
Public Service Co. of N.H.	129.95	$ 8,410.05
Overexpended		$ 1,810.05

GENERAL EXPENSE

1976 Appropriation.....$ 3,660.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Supplies	$ 1,019.61	
Signs	139.82	
Maintenance	63.40	
Truck Maintenance	770.44	
Fuel	965.03	$ 2,967.30
Balance		$ 692.70

TOWN ROAD AID

1976 Appropriation		$ 557.08
Summary of Expenditures:		
State of New Hampshire	$ 557.08	$ 557.08
Balance		0

WELFARE

1976 Appropriation		$ 4,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Food	$ 203.84	
Fuel	147.88	
Electricity	183.17	
Telephone	52.25	
Rent	112.28	
Mortgage	354.72	
Miscellaneous	848.50	
Manpower	492.61	$ 2,395.25
Balance		$ 1,604.75

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

1976 Appropriation		$ 624.00
Summary of Expenditures	- 0 -	
Balance		$ 624.00

MEMORIAL DAY

1976 Appropriation		$ 587.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Flags and Markers	$ 4.50	
Wreaths	68.00	
Refreshments	153.24	
Bands	450.00	$ 675.74
Overexpenditure		$ 88.74

RECREATION

1976 Appropriation.....$ 2,775.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Junior Football	$ 475.00	
Junior Baseball	671.25	
Minor League	385.50	
Girls' Softball	74.80	
Basketball	101.85	
Crafts	120.57	
Field Maintenance	177.80	
Tennis	96.00	
Supplies	20.65	
Field Days	1.48	
Track	10.00	
New Programs	148.18	
Rentals	322.00	$ 2,605.08
Balance		$ 169.92

WINTER MAINTENANCE

1976 Appropriation.....$ 32,800.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Road Agent	$ 1,053.50	
Equipment Rental	22,236.25	
Labor	946.30	
Equipment Maintenance	27.50	
Salt	7,962.63	
Sand	318.50	
Cold Patch	307.12	
Gravel	60.40	
Supplies	425.71	
Truck Maintenance	70.00	$ 33,407.91
Overexpenditure		$ 607.91

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

1976 Appropriation.....$ 26,064.42

Summary of Expenditures:	
Road Agent	$ 1,186.50
Equipment Rental	7,185.50
Labor	1,090.35
Hot Top	315.70
Gravel	65.10
Patch - Hot Top	5,381.13

Culverts	$ 106.60	
Curbing	175.00	
Pavement Markings	548.16	
Miscellaneous	392.64	
Tree Service	90.00	
Shrubbery	250.00	$ 16,786.68
Balance		$ 9,277.24

GAS TAX

1976 Appropriation.....$ 12,535.58

Summary of Expenditures:		
Road Agent	$ 35.00	
Equipment Rental	1,457.50	
Labor	22.40	
Asphalt	6,199.44	
Morton Salt	4,821.24	$ 12,535.58
Balance		0

CONTINGENCY FUND

1976 Appropriation.....$ 2,500.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Manpower Supervision	$ 826.50	
Equipment Rental	1,673.50	$ 2,500.00
Balance		0

CONSERVATION

1975 Carryover.....$ 150.06
1976 Appropriation.....$ 1,075.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Membership Dues	$ 50.00	
Operating Expenses	115.19	
Federal Applications	950.00	$ 1,115.19
Balance		$ 109.87

ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL

1976 Appropriation.....$ 1,799.92

Summary of Expenditures:
Southern Rockingham Regional Planning

District Commission	$ 1,718.25	$ 1,718.25
Balance		$ 81.67

CEMETERIES

1976 Appropriation.....$ 2,100.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Sexton	$ 185.50	
Labor	1,224.83	
Equipment Rental	634.50	
Equipment Repair	123.75	
Supplies	165.59	
Perpetual Care	660.28	$ 2,994.45
Overexpenditure		$ 894.45

LIBRARY

1976 Appropriation.....$12,125.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Kimball Public Library	$12,125.00	$12,125.00
Balance		0

PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES AND BONDS

1976 Appropriation.....$ 4,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Arlington Trust Co.,	$ 4,000.00	$ 4,000.00
Balance		0

INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES AND BONDS

1976 Appropriation.....$ 1,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Arlington Trust Co.	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Balance		0

INTEREST - TEMPORARY LOANS

1976 Appropriation		$23,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Arlington Trust Co.	$17,283.33	$17,283.33
Balance		$ 5,716.67

ARTICLE 13 - CEMETERY

1974 Carryover		$ 329.50
Summary of Expenditures:	- 0 -	
Balance		$ 329.50

ARTICLE 10 - WATERHOLE

1975 Carryover		$ 1,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:	- 0 -	
Balance		$ 1,000.00

ARTICLE 11 - TRIM AND REPLANT TREES

1975 Carryover		$ 869.95
Summary of Expenditures:		
Road Agent	$ 38.50	
Labor	117.50	
Equipment Rental	105.00	
Land Service	351.00	
Tree Service	280.00	$ 892.00
Overexpenditure		$ 22.05

ARTICLE 12 - HISTORY BOOKS

1975 Carryover		$ 5,246.82
Summary of Expenditures:		
Supplies	$ 62.00	
Postage	10.92	
Maps	15.00	
Publication	4,912.50	
Additions & Corrections	35.65	
Photographs	14.00	$ 5,050.07
Balance		$ 196.75

ARTICLE 14 - BICENTENNIAL

1975 Carryover		$ 1,981.00
1976 Income		$ 1,347.47
Summary of Expenditures:		
Food	$ 22.65	
Postage	81.87	
Newsletters	20.00	
Decorations	420.00	
Custodial	10.00	
Supplies	91.34	
Dances	750.00	
Bicentennial Park	1,475.58	
Races	87.90	$ 2,959.34
Balance		$ 369.13

ARTICLE 5 - TAX MAP - REVENUE SHARING

1975 Appropriation		$10,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
James Sewall Company	$10,000.00	$10,000.00
Balance		0

ARTICLE 13 - FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RESERVE

1976 Appropriation		$15,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:		
Trustees of Trust Fund	$15,000.00	$15,000.00
Balance		0

ARTICLE 14 - FIRE TRUCK

1976 Appropriation		$25,000.00
Summary of Expenditures:	- 0 -	
Balance		$25,000.00

ARTICLE 16 - POLICE CRUISER

1976 Appropriation		$ 5,620.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Tulley - Buick	$ 5,629.01	$ 5,629.01
Overexpenditure		$ 9.01

ARTICLE 20 - PHEASANT LANE

1976 Appropriation.....$ 4,400.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Road Agent	$ 52.50	
Labor	22.40	
Equipment Rental	1,118.40	
Gravel	732.00	
Hot Top	3,724.20	$ 5,649.50
Overexpenditure		$ 1,249.50

ARTICLE 22 - AMBULANCE SERVICE

1976 Appropriation.....$ 5,000.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
Shanahan Ambulance Service	$ 4,682.97	$ 4,682.97
Balance		$ 317.03

ARTICLE 24 - LIBRARY PAINT

1976 Appropriation.....$ 3,450.00

Summary of Expenditures:		
McKeen Painting Service	$ 3,267.64	$ 3,267.64
Balance		$ 182.36

TOWN WARRANT

BUDGET

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Atkinson in the County of Rockingham in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Atkinson Town Hall on Tuesday the eighth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the articles required to be voted on by official ballot (Articles 1 and 2). Bv vote of the Selectmen, the polls for the meeting will remain open from ten o'clock in the forenoon under seven o'clock in the afternoon (and as much longer thereafter as the Town, at the opening of the meeting, may vote.)

All voters are further notified to meet at seven o'clock in the afternoon on the twelfth day of March, 1977 at the Academy School Auditorium to act on all other articles in this warrant.

Article 1. To choose all necessary town officers for the coming year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments to the zoning ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

1. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the Building Regulations as proposed by the Planning Board:

Page 17, Article IV. Fee Schedule for Building Inspections. Add: "Permit to operate burner - $5.00."

Page 20, Article VI, A-2. Amend to: "Any building intended or designed for any public use or congregation of people shall be constructed in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association Publication Number 101, entitled Life Safety Code."

Page 20, Article VI, A-5. Amend to:

a. "Chimneys and fireplaces constructed as part of a new or existing building or altered within a new or existing building shall be constructed in accordance with the Atkinson Fire Department Pamphlet Number 100 and its listed references."

b. "Oil burning furnaces shall be installed in accordance with the Atkinson Fire Department Pamphlet Number 100 and its listed references."

c. "Gas burning furnaces shall be installed in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association Publication Number 54 which the Atkinson Fire Department has adopted as its own."

d. "Wood burning stoves shall be installed in accordance with the Atkinson Fire Department Pamphlet Number 100 and its listed references."

Page 21, Article VI, A-8. Delete: (Because of duplication in Atkinson Fire Department Pamphlet Number 100)

c. "A furnace safety switch shall be located in a room other than the furnace room."

Recommended by the Planning Board

2. Submitted by Petition.

1. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V, Part C to read: "Not more than one single residence may be constructed on each two acres. A two family or duplex house shall require four acres, except that these acreages shall not apply to lots of record (of one and two acres respectively) which comply with existing regulations."
2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article V, Part L to read: "Minimum Land Area. No lot shall be less than two acres, except that this shall not apply to a one acre lot of record which complies with existing regulations."

Recommended by the Planning Board

3. Referendum:

Are you in favor of the Planning Board adopting a subdivision regulation which is intended to recover a portion of the capital expenditure necessary for expanding the school system? This expenditure is necessitated by the increased number of residential units within the subdivision."

Submitted by the Planning Board

Article 3. To see if the Town will appropriate $140,000 for constructing and equipping a solid waste incinerator and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, and to authorize the Selectmen to take all actions reasonable and necessary in connection therewith.

Without Recommendation

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $5,300 to purchase a sander for the Highway Department.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $2,400 to purchase a plow blade and wing for the Highway Department.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1,200 to purchase three radios for use by the Highway Department and to apply for, receive and expend such federal, state and county funds as may be available for these purposes.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $31,500 to reconstruct and rebuild Wood Drive (2,600 feet).

Without Recommendation

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $5,300 for the purpose of conducting a summer recreation program for all children in Atkinson, grades one through eight. Federal or state funds or grants will be used to reimburse the town when available.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $3,300 for the purpose of enlarging the Academy ballfield and replacing the wooden fence with chain link fencing; one half the cost (up to $500) to be reimbursed by the Timberlane Regional School District.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund established for the purpose of updating Fire Department equipment. This is the third of ten articles to be submitted over a ten year period.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 for a new Fire Department base station and radio and to make improvements to existing radio equipment and to apply for, receive and expend such federal, state and county funds as may be available for these purposes.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Civil Defense Fund, so called, in the amount of $749 plus interest and to purchase emergency equipment for the Fire Department.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $20,000, $10,000 to be expended from the Town Greenbelt Fund and $10,000 from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, to purchase land located on Sawyer Avenue from Ralph and Ruth Sawyer for town use, and that the Town be authorized to accept $43,000 of Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds and expend same for an additional 45 acres, more or less, of the Sawyer property.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 14. To see if the Town will approve the appointment of a Deputy Tax Collector to assist in the collection of resident taxes.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Town Treasurer from $800 to $1,000 annually.

Without Recommendation

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salaries of the Board of Selectmen as follows: Chairman from $1,000 to $1,300 annually; Members from $900 to $1,200 annually.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept $200 in perpetual care funds for the deceased Howard Richards, Sr., donated by Howard Richards, Jr., Myrtle Mackie and Marion Clough.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 13 of the 1963 Town Meeting which read as follows: "By Petition - To see

if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $100 every odd-numbered year to print in the Town Report the owner, valuation and assessment of each piece of property in Atkinson. It will be the duty of the Selectmen to carry this out."

Article 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $2,100 for a moving radar unit and to apply for, receive and expend such federal,state and county funds as may be available for these purposes. (Police Department)

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1,200 for a portable radio, equipped with a car mounting option and a 45-watt amplifier and to apply for, receive and expend such federal, state and county funds as may be available for these purposes. (Police Department)

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 21. By Petition: "To see if the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire will vote, by a Yes or No ballot, to create, establish and maintain a Town Mosquito Control District under the provisions of RSA 437A and Chapter 171 of New Hampshire State Laws. The boundaries of the District shall be the boundaries of the Town. The goal of the District is to try to eliminate breeding conditions for mosquitoes. Joint efforts with neighboring towns will be encouraged.

We further petition that the sum of $3,000 (three thousand dollars) be raised and appropriated to fund labor, equipment and materials to conduct a Mosquito Breeding Site Survey during the summer of 1977 and report the findings to the public officials, Mosquito Control District and citizens by September 15, 1977. The above funds would be a part of the town budget. Each community decides on whatever it wishes to raise and appropriate for its abatement program. Federal, State or local funds or grants will be used to reimburse the Town of Atkinson where they are available."

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 22. By Petition: "To see if the Town of Atkinson will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500 to be used for the maintenance and recreational purposes for the Vic Geary Drop In Center which will be built for the elderly."

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $7,000 for the purpose of completing the meeting room and storage room of the lower level of the library.

Without Recommendation

Article 24. To see if the Town will agree to increase the Board of Library Trustees from three to six members. Members to be elected at the next town meeting (1978).

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of

$160 from the Federal Antirecession Fiscal Assistance Fund to offset expenses incurred by the Highway Department.

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $5,800 to install siding on the Town Hall.

Without Recommendation

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to accept Brookside Terrace Extension as a Town Road.

Article 28.. To see if the Town will vote to accept Old Coach Road, Section 2, as a Town Road.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept Hawthorne Drive as a Town Road.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, negotiate and do all other things necessary to obtain such State, Federal, Foundation and/or Private Grants or Funds as may be available, and to expend same.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate that may be acquired through tax collector's deeds; however, such real estate shall be sold only to the person or persons who lost the real estate through Tax Collector's deeds at a public auction or by bid, upon 15 days public notice, including postings at three public places in Atkinson.

Article 32. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as the Town will need in anticipation of taxes.

Article 34. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act on same and transact any business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

John W. Holbrook
Philip V. Consentino
Helen V. Woodlock

A true copy of Warrant - Attest

John W. Holbrook
Philip V. Consentino
Helen V. Woodlock

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ATKINSON

Purpose of Appropriation	Appropri-ations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Recommended 1977	Submitted without Recom-mendation
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	$17,430.00	$19,873.27	$17,850.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	11,550.00	$13,538.81	$13,260.00	
Election & Registration	1,712.00	1,809.01	802.00	
Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	7,760.00	6,750.24	9,040.00	
Social Sec. & Retirement	3,000.00	2,800.64	3,000.00	
Appraisal of Property	1,500.00	1,750.68	2,000.00	
Contingency Fund	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,450.00	
Protection of Persons & Property:				
Police Department	20,623.00	19,106.60	21,885.00	
Fire Department	15,945.00	16,530.88	19,545.00	
Dog Officer	-	-	1,750.00	
Insurance	9,000.00	8,605.00	10,400.00	
Planning & Zoning	750.00	1,031.08	1,150.00	
Damages & Legal Expenses	7,000.00	4,947.38	7,000.00	
Civil Defense	150.00	31.00	150.00	
Health Dept. (Incl. Hosp.& Ambul.)	2,300.00	2,593.63	9,145.00	
Vital Statistics	50.00	33.75	50.00	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	40,445.00	41,865.80	36,894.00	
Highways & Bridges				
Summer Maintenance & Gas Tax	38,600.00	29,322.26	39,800.00	
Winter Maintenance	32,800.00	33,407.91	37,400.00	
Street Lighting	6,600.00	8,410.05	9,500.00	
Gen. Expenses Highway Dept.	3,660.00	2,967.30	4,580.00	
Town Road Aid	557.08	557.08	554.26	
Libraries	12,125.00	12,125.00	16,000.00	

Purpose of Appropriation	Appropri-ations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Recommended 1977	Submitted without Recom-mendation
Public Welfare:				
Town Poor	$ 4,000.00	$ 2,395.25	$ 4,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	624.00	-	600.00	
Patriotic Purposes:(Memorial Day)	587.00	675.74	600.00	
Recreation:	2,775.00	2,605.08	3,468.00	
Public Service Enterprises:				
Conservation	1,075.00	1,115.19	2,475.00	
Cemeteries	2,100.00	2,994.45	3,860.00	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	1,799.92	1,718.25	1,718.74	
Debt Service:				
Principal - Long Term Notes & Bonds	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds	1,000.00	1,000.00	750.00	
Interest - Temporary Loans	23,000.00	17,283.33	17,000.00	
Capital Outlay: 1976 Articles				
No. 5 - Tax Map	10,000.00	10,000.00		
No.13 - Fire Dept. Cap. Reserve	15,000.00	15,000.00		
No.14 - Fire Truck	25,000.00			
No.16 - Police Cruiser	5,620.00	5,629.01		
No.20 - Pheasant Lane Reconstruction	4,400.00	5,649.50		
No.22 - Ambulance Service	5,000.00	4,682.97		
No.24 - Library Painting	3,450.00	3,267.64		
1977 Articles:				
No. 3 - Incinerator				$140,000.00
No. 4 - Sander			5,300.00	
No. 5 - Plow & Wing			2,400.00	
No. 6 - Radios			1,200.00	
No. 7 - Wood Drive Reconstruction				31,500.00
No. 8 - Summer Rec. Program			5,300.00	
No. 9 - Academy Ballfield			3,300.00	

Purpose of Appropriation:	Appropri-ations Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Recommended 1977	Submitted without Recom-mendation
1977 Articles (Contd)				
No. 10 - Fire Dept. Capital Reserve			$15,000.00	
No. 11 - Fire Dept. Base Radio			5,000.00	
No. 12 - Civil Defense Fund			749.00	
No. 13 - Sawyer Land Purchase			63,000.00	
No. 19 - Police Dept. Radar			2,100.00	
No. 20 - Police Dept. Radio			1,200.00	
No. 21 - Mosquito Control			3,000.00	
No. 22 - Vic Geary Drop-In Center			1,500.00	
No. 23 - Library Function Room				$ 7,000.00
No. 25 - Fed. AntiRecession Funds			160.00	
No. 26 - Town Hall Siding				5,800.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$345,488.00	$317,475.19	$411,886.00	$184,300.00

REVENUE

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Fiscal Year 1977
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	$15,000.00	$16,138.30	$16,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,300.00	1,689.70	1,600.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	20,000.00	21,044.79	21,000.00
Highway Subsidy	12,535.58	12,536.87	12,907.58
Reimb. A/C Bus. Profits Tax	291.00	291.00	306.00
Town Road Aid	3,713.88	3,713.88	3,695.04
Bureau of Outdoor Recreation	-	518.17	43,000.00

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Fiscal Year 1977
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,071.00	$ 1,000.00
Bus, Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	4,000.00	6,255.87	6,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	50,000.00	75,707.60	60,000.00
Int. on Taxes & Deposits	17,000.00	17,034.16	20,000.00
Interest from Trust Funds	-	-	660.00
Withdrawal - Cap. Reserve Funds	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
Road Inspections	600.00	-	-
Fines & Forfeits	-	4,077.33	4,000.00
Nat. Bank Stock Taxes	-	12.50	-
Resident Taxes Retained	16,000.00	18,940.00	19,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	100.00	71.75	75.00
Rent of Town Property	200.00	295.00	200.00
Sale of Town Property	600.00	300.00	300.00
Income from Departments	2,000.00	1,905.95	2,300.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	-	250.00	-
History Book Refund	-	-	4,000.00
Green Belt Fund	-	-	10,000.00
Surplus	-	31,000.00	-
From Federal Sources - Other	-	4,021.85	4,160.00
Revenue Sharing	9,842.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Matching Funds	-	2,110.00	9,630.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	$179,182.46	$253,985.72	$249,833.62
Amount to Be Raised by Property Taxes	$154,255.54	$174,754.65	$162,052.38
TOTAL REVENUES	$333,438.00	$428,740.37	$411,866.00

DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENTS

J. George, unused registration	$ 8.30
Lawrence Coop. Bank, tax overpayment	1,293.77
Richard Youldon, St. Tax Abatement	162.82
Gordon Goodhue, unused registration	6.00
Randolph Morse, unused Registration	19.40
Robert-Stuart Vail, 1975 Tax Abatement	204.78
Robert Blaser	36.57
Charles Witley, Sr., Res. Tax Overpayment	10.00
Merle Ashford, 1975 tax abatement	116.01
Frances & Grace Water, Res. Tax Overpayment	20.00
John & Mary Flanagan, 1975 Tax Abatement	193.82
Linda Cronin, Res. Tax Overpayment	10.00
H. Brooks, unused Registration	7.00
Byron Chopas, Reg. Overcharge	7.00
E. Willard, unused Registration	6.00
A. Powers, unused Registration	13.00
Mrs. F. Neinrich, tax overpayment	36.56
Mr. & Mrs. R. Macky, Res. Tax Overpayment	20.00
Lorraine Garrow, tax overpayment	5.52
Ronald Bredbenner, tax overpayment	126.96
David Summers, tax overpayment	19.13
Ray Spracklin, tax overpayment	124.78
Don Bernaiche, tax overpayment	121.44
Rudolph Salvi, tax overpayment	145.36
Jerome Ryan, tax overpayment	104.88
Will Linnehan, tax overpayment	108.56
Francesco Valente, tax overpayment	1.84
Gordon Brown, tax overpayment	138.00
Andrian Salinger, tax overpayment	44.16
TOTALS	$3,111.66

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

CONCORD, 03301

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Atkinson, New Hampshire 03811

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts and records of the Town of Atkinson for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

One of the enclosed audit reports must be given to the Town Clerk for retention as part of the permanent Town records.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Trustees and Trustees of Trust Finds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Fund:

Comparative Balance Sheets:

December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973 (Exhibit 1)
December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974 (Exhibit 14)

Comparative balance sheets which disclose the financial condition of the general fund as of December 31, 1972-73 and December 31, 1974-75 are presented in Exhibits 1 and 14.

As indicated in Exhibit 1, the financial condition of the Town changed from a current deficit of $24,834 at December 31, 1972 to a current surplus of $11,816 as of December 31, 1973.

During 1974, the current surplus of the Town increased by $12,054, from $11,816 to $23,870 as shown in Exhibit 14.

Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973 (Exhibit 2)
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974 (Exhibit 15)

Statements presenting an analysis of the factors which caused the change in financial condition of the Town during the fiscal years ended December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974 are presented in Exhibits 2 and 15, respectively.

The factors which caused the change in the financial condition of the Town during 1973 were as follows:

Increase in Current Surplus:		
Net Budget Surplus		$37,834
Decreases in Current Surplus:		
Tax Collector's Excess Debit	$ 18	
Tax Liens Transferred To Tax Deeds	1,166	
		1,184
Net Change in Current Financial Condition		$36,650

The factors enumerated hereinafter caused the increase of $12,054 in current surplus during 1974.

Increases in Current Surplus:		
Net Budget Surplus	$12,754	
Tax Collector's Excess Credits	107	
		$12,861
Decrease in Current Surplus:		
Tax Liens Transferred To Tax Deeds		807
Net Increase in Current Surplus		$12,054

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated and Actual Revenues:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973 (Exhibits 3 and 4)
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974 (Exhibits 16 and 17)

Comparative statements of general fund appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1973 are presented in Exhibits 3 and 4. Similar statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1974 are presented in Exhibits 16 and 17.

As indicated in Exhibit 4, a net unexpended balance of appropriations of $20,390, plus a revenue surplus of $17,444, resulted in a net budget surplus of $37,834 during 1973.

In 1974, as disclosed by Exhibit 17, a revenue surplus of $23,601, less a net overdraft of appropriations of $10,847, resulted in a net budget surplus of $12,754.

Long-Term Indebtedness:

Comparative Balance Sheets:

December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973 (Exhibit 5)
December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974 (Exhibit 18)

Comparative balance sheets of the outstanding long-term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974 are shown in Exhibits 5 and 18.

During 1973, the Town's long-term indebtedness decreased by $7,200 from $20,200 to $13,000. In 1974, the Town's long-term debt increased by $13,500 from $13,000 to $26,500. This increase was caused by the issuance of authorized long-term notes of $20,000 for highway construction and the payment of matured notes in the amount of $6,500 during the year.

Statements of Debt Service Requirements:

December 31, 1973 (Exhibit 6)
December 31, 1974 (Exhibit 19)

Statements showing annual debt service requirements as of December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974 are contained in Exhibits 6 and 19, respectively.

TREASURER

General Fund:

Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973 (Exhibit 7)
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974 (Exhibit 20)

Classified statements of general fund receipts and expenditures for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1973 and December 31,

1974, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, are included in Exhibits 7 and 20, respectively.

Revenue Sharing Funds:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973 (Exhibit 8)
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1974 (Exhibit 21)

The fiscal activity in the revenue sharing fund account during the fiscal years 1973 and 1974 is disclosed in Exhibits 8 and 21, respectively.

As stated in Exhibit 8, unappropriated funds at January 1, 1973 amounted to $10,677. Revenues in 1973 consisted of entitlement payments of $28,321 and interest income of $1,315. At December 31, 1973 authorized encumbrances totaled $35,000 and unappropriated (available) funds were $5,313.

According to Exhibit 21, 1974 revenues totaled $22,377, consisting of entitlement payments of $19,841 and interest income of $2,536. Expenditures and encumbrances during 1974 amounted to $25,000. The unencumbered fund balance at December 31, 1974 was $2,690.

AUDIT PROCEDURES

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

Verification of uncollected and unredeemed taxes was made by mailing notices of delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Tax Collector's records.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Overdraft of Appropriations and Application of the Municipal Budget Law:

As indicated in the 1974 comparative statement of appropriations and expenditures (Exhibit 16) budgetary expenditures exceeded total town appropriations in 1974 and resulted in a net appropriation overdraft of $795, computed as follows:

Overdrafts of Budgetary Appropriations	$12,245
Unexpended Balances of Budgetary Appropriations	11,450
Net Overdraft of Budgetary Appropriations	$ 795

In towns operating under the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law (R.S.A.Chapter 32), Section 10-A, thereof requires that whenever it becomes necessary to expend money in excess of an appropriation which may result in an overexpenditure of the total amount appropriated for all purposes, the Selectmen, with the written approval of a majority of the budget committee, must apply to the Commissioner of Revenue Administration for authority to make such expenditure. This procedure was not followed by the Selectmen in connection with excess expenditures which cause the appropriation overdraft incurred in 1974.

Town Order Not Drawn For Purchase of 1973 Tax Sale Liens:

According to the Tax Collector's tax sale records, the Town of Atkinson was the purchaser of certain tax liens sold by the Collector at the tax sale held on March 25, 1974 to enforce payment of 1973 delinquent taxes, accrued interest and costs, the aggregate sum of which liens amounted to $5,481.

It is noted, however, that a town order was not issued by the Selectmen in payment of the liens acquired by the Town at the said tax sale. As a result of this situation, the Town's interest in these tax liens could be challenged.

To correct this problem, we recommend that the Selectmen order payment of the said tax sale purchases through the issuance of a town check payable to the Tax Collector in the previously stated amount of $5,481. Authority requiring the Selectmen to pursue this procedure is found in R.S.A. 41:9, which statute is quoted, in part, herewith:

> "41:9 Financial Duties. The selectmen shall pay all sums of money received by them in behalf of the town to the town treasurer immediately after receipt,---. They shall draw orders upon the treasurer for the payment of all accounts and claims against the town allowed by them, and take proper vouchers therefor.---"

Unauthorized Use of Pistol Permit Fees:

Our examination disclosed that all fees collected for the issuance of pistol permits during 1972 and 1973 were retained in a special petty cash fund. In addition, the greater part of such fees received during the fiscal year 1974 were also added to the aforesaid fund. These monies were used for the payment of petty cash expenditures of a general nature.

According to R.S.A. 159:6, pistol permit fees "shall be for the use of the law enforcement department of the town granting said licenses."

Revenue from this source, however, must be treated as actual

revenues of the general fund and credited against estimated revenues included in the revenues section of the annual town budget. Such revenue estimates are used to offset appropriations raised for the local Police Department.

There is no statutory authority allowing the use of pistol permit fees for "petty cash" expenditures.

We, therefore, recommend that henceforth all receipts derived from this source be accounted for as revenues of the general fund and duly paid to the Town Treasurer.

Payroll Account:

Our examination of the payroll account revealed that the Treasurer does not periodically reconcile book balances with balances indicated in monthly statements submitted by depository banks.

Generally accepted accounting practices prescribe the timely reconciliation of all bank accounts upon the receipt of monthly statements in order to detect any errors which may inadvertently occur in such accounts from time to time. Additionally, R.S.A. 41:29 requires that the town treasurer keep and fair and correct account of all sums received into and paid from the town treasury.

We, therefore, recommend that timely reconciliation be made of all bank accounts maintained by the Treasurer in order to comply with the foregoing requirements.

Commitment of Resident Tax Warrant and Application of R.S.A. 76:12:

Under the current practice established by the Selectmen, resident tax warrants and property tax warrants are committed to the Tax Collector at the same time. In 1974 these tax warrants were committed to the Collector during the month of November. Consequently, the 1974 resident tax bills were not mailed to the taxpayers until the month of November.

This procedure is in violation of R.S.A. 76:12, which statute provides as follows:

> "76:12 List of Resident Taxes. Before June first of each year, unless the time therefor is extended by the commissioner of revenue administration, the selectmen of towns...shall commit to the collector of taxes a warrant, under their hand and seal, together with a list of resident taxes by them assessed, directing the collector to collect the same and to pay the amount collected to the treasurer at such times as may be therein prescribed ..."

We recommend that all subsequent resident tax warrants be com-

mitted to the Tax Collector before June first of each year. The implementation of this recommendation will not only achieve compliance with R.S.A. 76:12 but will also generate resident tax revenue to the town on a more timely basis.

Town Clerk's Records:

It was observed during our examination of the town clerk's accounts that the clerk's receipts are recorded on unbound "three-column" analysis sheets. These forms are used in lieu of the cashbook prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue Administration. The use of such loose leaf form could result in the inadvertent misplacement or loss of these cash records, which by statute must be retained for a minimum period of six (6) years.

We, therefore, recommend that the town clerk procure and maintain the cashbook in the form prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue Administration for recording the Town Clerk's receipts.

Establishment of Trust Funds By Town Not Authorized:

According to the Town Clerk's records, the 1965 town meeting under Article 23, established a $25 fee for each interment permit issued and stipulated that the said fees be used to establish a special cemetery trust fund, the interest thereof be expended for perpetual care of the cemetery.

There is no provision in the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated authorizing municipalities to establish trust funds for any purpose.

In view of the above comments, we recommend that this "trust fund" be abolished. Consequently, the trustees of trust funds should pay over to the general fund any monies left in this special account. All revenues from interment fees should hereafter be administered as general town revenue.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Chapter 71-A, Section 21 require that the auditors' summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town of Atkinson. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Atkinson for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,

Frederick E. Laplante
Director
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

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Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Atkinson for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordinly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheets, statements of revenues, appropriations and expenditures, and surplus, present fairly the financial condition of the Town of Atkinson at December 31, 1973 and December 31, 1974, and the results of the operations for the years ended on those dates in conformity with accounting practices generally followed by municipalities applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick E. Laplante
Director
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

FEL:nl

Selectmen's Response to the seven-page Audit Report by the State Auditors for the Fiscal Years 1973 and 1974

This Audit Report cost the Town $2,124. We feel it was very worthwhile. It was received too late to include in the Annual Report for 1975. As you know, we voted to have the State audit the Town's books for Fiscal 1975, and again we did not receive their comments in time to be included in this Annual Report. We did, however, receive their bill -- some $3,427.

During the 1973 and 1974 Audits, performed in Fiscal 1975, a major change in the Town's bookkeeping and voucher system was recommended. This change was instituted on January 1, 1976 since we were nearly through Fiscal 1975 at the time the change was recommended. Consequently, many of the difficulties encountered by the auditors for 1973 and 1974 were repeated in 1975, hence the high expense for 1975.

We have only budgeted $2,000 for the Fiscal 1976 State Audit and the cost is expected to decrease over the next two years. Since some form of annual Town Audit is required by law, I would recommend that this practice be continued by the Professional State Auditors at a projected cost of $1,000 to $1,500 per year.

Our specific comments on the 1973 and 1974 Fiscal Audit are as follows:

Under General Comments:

1. Overdraft of Appropriations by $795.

Even with an unexpended amount of over $5,000 in the Town Poor Account, the overexpenditure of the Town Maintenance Account (Winter Maintenance - Late Snowstorms) by more than $5,000 and most other departments utilizing their full appropriations we did run over by the $795.

We do not expect this condition to arise again in the future; however, if it does we will follow the Municipal Budget Law RSA Chapter 32, Section 10-A and request the approval of a majority of the Budget Committee and apply to the Commission of Revenue Administration for the authority to make such an expenditure prior to incurring the overdraft condition.

2. Town Order Not Drawn for Purchase of 1973 Tax Sale Liens

It was recommended that the Selectmen order payment of the said tax sale purchases through the issuance of a Town check payable to the Tax Collector in the amount of $5,481.

This was done in March, 1976.

3. Unauthorized Use of Pistol Permit Fees

These monies per RSA 159.6 shall be used by the law enforcement agency granting such licenses, and committed to the General Fund through the Town Treasurer.

This has been corrected. Pistol Permit fees are now turned over to the Town Treasurer, go into the General Fund and are shown as income to the Police Department.

4. Payroll Account - The Town Treasurer does not reconcile book balances with balances indicated in monthly statements submitted by depository banks.

Payroll account was handled as a cleaning account. Deposits were made to this account by transferring net payroll weekly.

Since this account was a wash account, the Treasurer did not take the time to prove or reconcile monthly. However, Mr. Brennan verified the checks paid, to detect errors on the part of the bank.

This account has been phased out and a different payroll system is not in use. All bank accounts are timely reconciled at the first of each month. In addition, Mr. Brennan has promised the Selectmen that he would leave a monthly financial statement with our bookkeeper beginning in 1977.

5. Commitment of Resident Tax Warrant and Application of RSA 76:12

Resident Tax Bills by law (R.S.A. 76:12) must be committed by warrant to the Tax Collector by June 1st of each year.

The Selectmen, unaware of this law, were mailing them out with the property tax bills in late October to save on postage. We are now complying with the Law and the use of the income from Resident Taxes offsets any loss in cost of postage for the double mailing.

6. Town Clerk's Records

The Town Clerk's receipts were being recorded on unbound analysis sheets instead of the Cashbook prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue Administration. Mrs. Zaremba corrected this immediately at a cost of $100 to purchase the prescribed cashbooks.

7. Establishment of Trust Funds By Town - Not Authorized

Article 23 of the 1965 Town Meeting established a $25 interment permit fee and these went into a Cemetery Trust Fund with the interest being expended for perpetual care of the Cemetery.

This was corrected in January 1976 and all such funds are now remanded to the Town Treasurer.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Department of Revenue Administration

Concord, 03301

January 25, 1977

Selectmen of Atkinson
John W. Holbrook, Chairman
Knightland Road
Atkinson, New Hampshire 03811

Dear Mr. Holbrook:

This communication is intended to serve as a status report on the examination made by the Division of the accounts and records of the Town of Atkinson, New Hampshire.

The auditor's report and summary of findings are currently awaiting final Division review in keeping with our established policy. We do not expect to be able to submit a report of this audit prior to the publication of the 1976 Annual Report.

We regret the inconvenience which this may cause. However, we fully expect that our report will be finalized and forwarded to your office in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

Lorraine F. Racette
Assistant Director

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the year ending December 31, 1976

Auto Fees		
1975	$ 1,778.10	
1976	73,929.50	
		$75,707.60
Dog Licenses	$ 1,043.00	
Filing Fees	11.00	
Zoning Books	11.00	
Cemetery Lots	450.00	
		1,515.00
Received, December 31, 1976		$77,222.60
Paid Treasurer		$77,222.60

I hereby certify that the above is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR M. ZAREMBA
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The major accomplishments of the Highway Department in 1976 were: The rebuilding of Pheasant Lane and the first coat of hot-top installed, this road being a short-cut for many to Salem and shopping; approximately 4 miles of road were resurfaced (liquid asphalt); with drainage problems corrected on Sleepy Hollow Road, to date there have been no ice problems.

We have a real, old-fashioned winter on our hands, and I feel it is time to up-date our equipment for Winter Maintenance. At this time, I am asking the voters to add a second sander and a new plow and wing.

With ecology on our minds, the use of rock salt a most important part of winter maintenance, I would like to suggest a trial road, of your choice, to be salt-free maintained.

I would like to thank the Selectmen for appointing my son, Robert as Assistant Road Agent, and to thank Bob for doing a good job while I was convalescing.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL W. STEWART
Road Agent

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

As recommended by Frederick LaPlante, Director of the Department of Revenue Administration, the Trustees have closed out the general fund (Manchester Bank Book No.254261) and a check for the full sum has been made payable to the Town of Atkinson, Gordon Brennan, Treas.

In considering the present and future needs of the cemetery, several decisions have been made, of which the townspeople should be made aware. Trustees have set a cost of $450 for each four-grave cemetery lot, of which $150 will go to the Town and $300 will be used to establish a perpetual care account for the lots sold.

As of January 1977, the interment fee will be $125, which sum will pay the Sexton's fees, with the balance to be used for the purchase of equipment and upkeep of the cemetery. Checks are to be made payable to the Town of Atkinson.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR ZAREMBA,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

	Principal			Income			
	Balance Beg. of Year	New Funds Created	Balance End of Year	Balance Beg. of Year	Amount During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
Cemetery Funds	$11,291.72	$ 375.00	$11,666.72	$1,881.43	$767.19	$660.28	$1,988.34
Capital Reserve (Fire Dept)	$15,000.00	15,000.00	$30.000.00		$1,427.60		$1,427.60

Cemetery Funds - Invested in accounts in Amoskeag and Manchester banks - One new account in 1976 - H. Richards - Perpetural Care - $200.00

Capital Reserve - Invested in Special Notice Account with Plaistow Bank.

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Bette Ann Stewart
Eleanor M. Zaremba
M. Elizabeth Wood

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR 1976

The past year has been a time of change and innovation for our Police Department. Programs in training, communications, crime reporting, cruiser operation, weapons, public relations and highway safety have been established. A basic policy statement of the function of the Police Department in our community was established.

The Police officers and office staff, who met the challenge of a changing department while meeting the everyday requirements of police work, deserve the highest praise.

Law enforcement is a rapidly changing field. A training program is a must to keep abreast. Our police saw training in police procedure from the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department; they received intensive weapon instruction from the Newton Police Department; they participated in "in-service training" with the Plaistow Police Department, and received instruction from local officers on local procedures.

The department received its first police cruiser in July of last year. The 1976 Pontiac Lemans was purchased totally equipped with the help of the Governor's Commission on Highway Safety. The visibility and activity in motor vehicles violation arrests has risen dramatically. The total number summoned to court in November and December of 1976 was more than in the entire year of 1975.

The department established a police weapons' use program. This calls for a formal policy of handling, training, proficiency testing, standardization, and periodic inspection of all weapons.

The Highway Safety program will monitor problem areas and recommend changes for improved safety. The program calls for strict enforcement of existing laws and a dedicated effort to remove the drunk driver from the roadways. Public demonstrations of police equipment used to increase safety on the highway are called for.

The police activity for last year shows a reduction in house breaks and motor vehicle accidents and an increase in motor vehicle violations, warnings and drunk-driver arrests:

House breaks	53	53
Accidents	67	67
Arrests	14	14
Violations (Summoned to Court)		76
Warnings		132
Drunk driver arrests		11

My thanks to all residents who, through their support and cooperation, have made my job as Chief of this department both challenging and rewarding.

Respectfully submitted, KENNETH F. AUSTIN, Chief

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The number of calls answered by your Fire Department for 1976 continued to increase with the town's growth. The following breakdown of calls answered by the department compares our activity with the preceeding three years:

	1973	1974	1975	1976
House fires (involving structural damage)	3	5	10	4
Chimney Fires	-	5	5	4
Miscellaneous Fires (electrical,etc)	6	5	2	11
Resuscitator, Rescue (First Aid)	2	2	4	9
Grass & Brush Fires	19	18	13	12
Dump Fires	13	3	8	2
Car Fires	5	8	6	14
Misc. Calls (Flush Gasoline,etc)	11	17	3	8
False Alarms	0	1	1	0
Calls to investigate possible fires	35	27	22	12
Power Failures (Standy at Fire Station)	6	2	0	5
Mutual Aid (1976 Plaistow 1; Salem 3)	4	9	4	4
Mutual Aid requested by Atkinson (1976 - Plaistow - 3)	4	2	5	3
Total No. Calls Handled by Red Network	344	662	659	696
Calls Requiring 1 or more Trucks to Respond	63	73	61	66
Total Volunteer Man hours spent			4,131	4,897

Estimated Fire Loss - 1976 $38,500.00

The following is a breakdown of the total hours spent by the members of the Department in 1976.

Fires (including placing all equipment back in service)	1,150
Fire Protection and Education	78
Fire Department Administration	210
Training	2,413
Emergency Calls other than fires	130
Preventive Maintenance	554
Additional Work Details	196
Miscellaneous (Goodwill, etc.)	166
Total Hours	4,897

Of the four major loss fires dealt with by the department this year, three were a result of human carelessness. One was caused by the overloading of an extension cord, one to careless cooking and the third to an improperly installed wood stove. Several other calls during the year also involved wood burning stoves and chimneys.

Woodburning stoves can be safe IF installed and operated properly. I am proud of the work done this year by the Inspection Bureau in establishing a new pamphlet pertaining to fire safety regulations. This pamphlet includes the requirements for the safe installation of wood burning stoves and is available to everyone. In addition, members of the Department are available to assist you in all fire safety matters.

The Department's "Tot Finder" window sticker program has been continued this year. I would appreciate all residents helping us maintain this system by reviewing your needs for placement of these stickers in the bedroom windows of all children.

Over the past several years, the price of quality home smoke detectors has dropped drastically. I believe that most of you have probably spent more money in the last year for insurance "protecting" your property than it would cost to provide a large amount of protection for your life. I would greatly appreciate it if all of our families would evaluate for themselves what a great amount of family protection is afforded for such a small investment.

The Department Dispatcher, Helen Conley, has continued to do an excellent job for the town in maintaining our emergency communications network. She has also established a town directory, catalogued by name, address and actual location, which has proven to be a great aid to the department in locating homes as the town expands. Your acceptance of the new street numbering system, now being developed, will greatly aid her and the department in our duties.

Our greatest need in the department is still the strengthening of our day-time department. All new members, especially those available during the daytime hours, are welcome.

In closing, I would like to thank the men and women of the Department who have donated many hours of dedicated service. I also thank the townspeople for their continued support of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD MURPHY, CHIEF

REPORT OF DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF AND TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides back-up personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States for the past 20 years.

1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	746	294
District	128	72
Town	12	5

Respectfully submitted,

DENNIS THORELL,
District Fire Chief
DANIEL W. STEWART
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE KIMBALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

1976 has been a year of both change and progress for the library. Mrs. Beatrice Reynolds retired after nearly fifty years as town librarian. Mrs. Muriel Hirsch, who has been working with Mrs. Reynolds for ten years, is now librarian. Mrs. Hirsch is attending Public Library Training Courses at U.N.H. as required by the state. The other members of the staff include Mrs. Kathy Matthews and Mrs. Linda Jette. We also have eight volunteers, both teen-age and adult who generously donate their time helping out at the library on a regular basis.

Over 14,000 books were circulated this year. Many new books are available at the library and the reference material has also been updated. The number of townspeople using the library has increased greatly in the past year.

Among the new services offered by the library are cassettes for children which are circulating very well; also, a film program of interest to both adults and children is being planned to begin in February.

The Mother Goose Story Hour, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, has continued to have another successful year. Our thanks to the Friends who have also generously given several gifts to the library, including a cassette player, eight tables, timers for the outside lights, a large coffee maker and a movie screen. Our thanks to Mrs. James Miller who donated his services to install the timers.

Ten town organizations are using the "Unfinished Room" of the library on a regular basis. We wish to express our thanks to the Youth Corps members who, under the direction of Daniel Stewart, constructed a new entrance to the lower level of the library.

The library has sponsored a series of monthly programs, free to the public. These programs were greatly enjoyed by many. Several area artists and craftsmen have displayed their work at the library this year.

The Trustees and Librarian have attended state library meetings, workshops and book displays through the year. Our library was host to a district state library meeting in November.

In closing the Trustees wish to thank all those who have supported the library in any way this past year. Suggestions from library patrons to improve the library are always welcome by the Trustees and Librarian.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR FEUER, Chairman
Library Trustees

KIMBALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Financial Report

1976 Town Appropriation.....		$12,125.00
Expenditures:		
Salaries	$ 3,596.00	
Payroll Taxes	210.37	
Mileage	57.40	
Books	4,819.26	
Periodicals	448.91	
Binding and Repair	34.15	
Supplies, Librarian	445.04	
Equipment, Administrative	588.96	
Programs	61.00	
Mowing	20.00	
Dues	11.00	
Supplies, Custodian	73.44	
Equipment, Maintenance	184.60	
Building, Maintenance	388.47	
Electricity	563.50	
Heating	735.69	
Telephone	172.71	$12,410.50
Overexpended		$ 285.50

Assets

Cash		
Treasurer	$ 28.98	
Building Fund	299.23	$ 328.21

Liabilities

Current Excess of Assets Over Liabilities	$ 328.21

Cash Statement - Miscellaneous Funds

Cash Balance - January 1, 1976		- 0 -
Receipts:		
Fines, Lost Books	$365.92	
Disbursements	$365.92	
Cash Balance - December 31, 1976		- 0 -

Cash Statement

Balance, January 1, 1976		$ 62.68
Receipts:		
Donations	$ 105.00	
Library Functions	191.41	

Interest on Account	$ 5.14	$301.55
Disbursements		65.00
Balance, December 31, 1976		$299.23

Cash Statement - Town Appropriation

Cash Balance - January 1, 1976		$180.26
Receipts:		
Town Appropriation	$12,125.00	
Interest From Bank	207.79	
Utility Receipts	112.50	
Other	32.60	
Total Cash Receipts	$12,477.89	
Disbursements	$12,629.17	
Cash Balance - December 31, 1976		$ 28.98

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy A. Gordon
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There were 154 permits issued in 1976. The breakdown is as follows:

PERMITS ISSUED	BUILDERS EST. COST
88 Houses	$2,778,000.00
24 Additions/Alterations	104,350.00
11 Garages	25,250.00
6 Barns/Sheds	14,600.00
22 Pools	56,230.00
1 School Addition	113,124.00
1 Apartment Building	85,000.00
1 Post Office Building	40,000.00
TOTAL	$3,216,554.00

Comparison of Previous Years

YEAR	PERMITS	ESTIMATED COST
1976	154	$3,216,554.00
1975	121	2,266,075.00
1974	95	1,376,480.00
1973	124	1,826,570.00
1972	110	1,899,555.00
1971	67	1,165,325.00

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE R. BOYDEN
Building Inspector

CONTINGENCY FUND USE

The $2,500 Contingency Fund was expended for our summer Manpower Program for disadvantaged youths. As you know, the Manpower Program pays the salaries of the youths. The funds for supervision and supplies are not reimbursed and were inadvertently omitted from last year's budget.

Supervision (Mr. Daniel Stewart and Robert Stewart) received $826.50 and supplies and equipment rental (trucks) amounted to $1,673.50.

Some of the completed Projects were Work at Independence Park, (building the stone wall), Clean up along the roads (brush and rubbish), Library (crushed stone walk), cutting brush at Town intersections, painted Town Well House, Cemetery Fence and Town Garage.

J. W. HOLBROOK, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE ATKINSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sales of "Atkinson - Then And Now" have not been as encouraging as we had hoped, and it is with regret that the Historical Society must report that we have not yet earned enough money to fully repay the town the $5,995. loaned to us for publishing this first town history book.

As of January 6, 1977, a total of 300 books had been sold for a total receipt of $4,863.00. Interest earned on the bank account amounted to $149.13, for a grand total sum of $5,012.13. From that amount, the Society made the final payment to the publisher of $952.50, and paid postage for mailing many of the books to the out-of-town people who had ordered them. The amount in the bank as of January 6, 1977 is $4,009.63.

Sales continue, but slowly. Obviously, the Society impatiently awaits the day when the full amount can be returned to the town and the debt cleared from the books.

The BiCentennial celebration created a new interest in the history of the country, as well as the history of the town. It is our hope that such interest will continue, and perhaps even increase, particularly if historical memorabilia were exhibited and the townspeople were able to browze at their leisure. The Society is hoping to make use of the Kimball House for such displays, on a scheduled basis.

Townspeople might also be interested to learn that the Historical Society is actively seeking avenues through which federal or state funding might be available for historical projects in Atkinson.

Projects which have been initiated this year include a complete genealogical research, and the ground-work for a map re-creation of Atkinson as it was in 1767. These monumental tasks are expected to take several years to complete. Any historical or genealogical enthusiasts would be happily welcomed into the Society, particularly those who feel they might have some time to devote to these projects, or others of their own preference.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR ZAREMBA,
President

ATKINSON BICENTENNIAL REPORT

The Atkinson Bicentennial Committee was formalized in June, 1976, under the Chairmanship of Colonel Lewis R. Adams, U. S. Army (Ret). All Town commissions and other organizations were represented, as well as individuals who volunteers their time and effort.

During the Bicentennial Year the town celebrated in February, 1976, its classification as a Bicentennial Community, receiving a bicentennial flag, and held a final celebration at the end of August. Several lesser but significant events occurred between the two major occasions.

Federal matching funds of $950.00 were received during the spring of 1976 through the joint efforts of the Recreation Commission and the Bicentennial Committee. The funds were expended to build a lasting memorial - Independence Park on Meditation Lane. The park is a playground for children. All bills having been paid, the Bicentennial Committee is returning $369.13 to the General Fund, thereby reducing the burden to the taxpayer.

Funds collected during the year through the private enterprise of various committee members in the name of the committee will be allocated by committee vote to various town organizations in an effort further to assist in relieving the tax burden. These efforts include the Bicentennial Cookbook, the Grange Flea Market and the Bicentennial Map.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS R. ADAMS
Chairman

ATKINSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1976

The Commission has not completed its second full year. We've worked to fulfill the responsibility set for us in the State Enabling Act - protecting environmental quality.

I. Our dam project - a lake for the town - has come to a halt. Conditions were imposed which were unacceptable to the Commission. With our rejection of these conditions, the project was blocked. The decision to lose our project was a very painful and difficult one for us after working so long and hard on it.

II. All Conservation projects are designed and undertaken for the town's benefit, not for anyone's personal profit. Additionally, Dredge and Fill inspections are a serious responsibility given by law to Conservation Commissions to protect the environment. We take that law seriously. We also feel a strong responsibility to protect conservation land from encroachment and maintain the integrity of projects.

III. Work continues towardsa t won forest. Its value, besides financial, is the preservation of Atkinson's rural character, open space, wildlife habitat and needed land for outdoor activities. Conservation land is open land, to be used and enjoyed by all. Regretfully, Atkinson doesn't have much conservation land, but we're working toward acquiring it. Towards this goal, we ask your continued support.

IV. We've received the deed for the Crown Hill Trust land donation. Special thanks to Philo Hutcheson. Mr. & Mrs. Hutcheson are also donating other land. We'd like to thank and acknowledge donated services by surveyor Ed Herbert and the law office of Andernacht and Fleming. Also, a very special thank you to Mr. David Summers and Wheelabrator-Frye for the corporation's donation of $600 for forest land appraisals.

V. To get across the important message of protecting and not picking wildflowers, the Commission sponsored a photo display in the Flower Show on "Endangered Species of Wildflowers". Special thanks to Mrs. Jo Anne Consentino for artwork.

VI. Commissioner Chet Ladd has spent many hours on conservation land improving timber stands. Selectmen have recognized his efforts for the town by appointing him Town Forester.

VII. We received two complaints of probably brook contamination from malfunctioning septic systems. The state considers a 4.0 ratio of fecal coliform/fecal streptococcus to indicate human fecal contamination. Tests by the N.H. Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission showed a 44.0 ratio in the complaint area. This is intolerable. We must protect water quality in Atkinson.

VIII. Along these lines, the Commission has endorsed two-acre zoning for three environmental reasons:

1. Protect present and future water supplies from contamination by closely located septic systems. Our predominance of ledge and poor soils cause poor drainage and septic filtration. Septic waste permeates the soil and is carried off by rain into streams. Larger lot sizes would allow more room between septic systems for filtration. Atkinson is totally dependent on ground water and wells for water supplies. Its quality must be protected. Our one acre requirement was originally designed for a less developed town. With development at the present increased intensity and density, one acre is no longer adequate, as is shown by the increasing number of well and septic failures.

2. Allow more room for necessary water recharging areas.

3. Preserve our natural and scenic beauty by leaving more wooded areas.

IX. The Commission welcomes your suggestions, ideas and continued support. If you're aware of environmental problems, please let us know. If there's a piece of land that should have its natural beauty protected, let us know and we'll work to acquire it for the town. Together, we can do so much.

Respectfully submitted,

WINTHROP COMLEY	EDWARD HALE	CHRISTA SLADE
CAROL GRANT	CHET LADD	JOHN WIDMAN
ALAN XENAKIS		

1976 Financial Statement

1975 Carry Over	$150.06
1976 Appropriation	1,075.00
1976 Income	600.00
Total Available	$1,825.06
Summary of Expenditures:	
NHACC Dues	$ 50.00
Operations	115.19
Federal Appraisals	950.00
Total Expended	$1,115.19
Balance	$ 709.87

Respectfully submitted,

CAROL GRANT, Chairman
Conservation Commission

REPORT OF THE ATKINSON RECREATION COMMISSION

We are proposing two warrant articles this year. We hope you will approve money to replace the nine-years-old wood fence at the Atkinson Academy ballfield and to enlarge slightly the playing field to be more nearly standard Little League size. That field has been much used and is very important to our youth.

The other article is for a complete summer recreation program. The activities we have had for the past few years have been short and scattered. Attendance fluctuates because children simply do not think ahead, in the lazy days of summer, of which group meets where on what day. We want to know what kind of town voters want Atkinson to be: one in which parents spend the summer planning each day for their children and then chauffeuring them from place to place, or one in which children and parents know that, for three hours each day, boys and girls will have healthy, fun activities with other children of the same age under the responsible leadership of qualified adults. We propose six weeks of sports, crafts, quiet games, playground exercises and weekly field trips for swimming, zoo, ballgames, etc. Three paid adults would run the program for three hours in the morning for one age group, three hours in the afternoon for another. High school students, some of whom would have their salaries reimbursed by the Manpower Program, would assist. The 625 Atkinson children in grades one through eight could attend. We hope voters will consider carefully the value of such a program.

Finally, our sincere thanks to the volunteer coaches and instructors who spent, in addition to planning time and meetings, 3,350 hours with our children in 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH TENTARELLI, Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR 1976

It has been a very busy year for the Planning Board with, of necessity, major efforts directed towards review of numerous subdivisions which resulted in creation of more than 100 new residential lots.

For this reason, the majority of our planning has been directed towards residential development in two main directions.

First, although least fruitful, was to encourage the proper implementation and enforcement of those regulations previously set down by the town and to encourage the suggestion of constructive change when it is applicable.

The second direction taken was to review a subdivision in accordance with the effect which it may have upon the community as a whole and adopt such regulations so that the subdivision will have as little negative impact as possible.

Along those lines, we introduced in the summer, a subdivision regulation incorporating soil classifications designed to lower the possibility for community installation of sewer and/or water systems and to minimize septic system failures.

We included a referendum question on this year's ballot which deals with the question of capital assessment to offset increased capital needs for educational facilities. We hope you will study this question carefully and voice your opinion at the polls.

The new zoning books which were completed prior to last town meeting have been printed and are available at the town office for $1.00.

The Planning Board meets regularly on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, the second Thursday being reserved as a work session. If you have planning board business, please make an appointment for the 4th Thursday at least a week in advance. We seek the suggestions and comments of all interested individuals and invite you to attend any of our meetings and public hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH R. GRANT, Chairman

BI-CENTENNIAL MEMORIES

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	NAME OF FATHER
1975			
No. 7	Kari Kvall Dahl	Sissel Johanne Kvall	Jarle Hagen Dahl
1976			
Jan. 9	Deke Alan Hollenbeck	Debra M. Corthell	Darrell A. Hollenbeck
Jan. 15	Chad Justin Ouellette	Carol Ann Swift	Henry J. Ouellette, Jr.
Jan. 27	Farrah Fassio	Patricia E. Marsan	Robert V. Fassio
Feb. 12	Jennifer Anne Pucci	Joyce M. Rooseboom	Angelo Pucci
Mar. 5	Anderson Todd Galloway	Brenda R. Ordway	John A. Galloway
Mar. 8	Tamar Alathea Morrow	Deborah Lou Ross	James E. Morrow
Mar. 16	Stephen Russell Catalano,Jr.	Linda J. Valente	Stephen R. Catalano
Mar. 18	Sean Christopher Brady	Ellen A. Quinn	John W. Brady
Mar. 25	Heather Marie Nobrega	Judith M. Dorso	Anthony M. Nobrega
Mar. 28	Joseph Anthony Ashford	Joanne F. Jacobucci	William K. Ashford
Apr. 15	John David Weymouth	Helen J. Dolling	David M. Weymouth
Apr. 19	Erin Elizabeth Mullen	Marcelle L. Fiset	George E. Mullen
Jun. 1	David Richard DeLotto	Linda I. Gammons	Richard J. DeLotto
Jun. 17	Shawn Stephen Roderick	Betsyann M. Brown	Stephen C. Roderick
Jul. 3	Anthony Mark Pappalardo	Sandra S. Cataldo	Anthony R. Pappalardo
Jul. 7	Brent James Leland	Maria A. Sousa	James F. Leland
Jul. 9	Dane George Wandewater	Donna K. Hirsch	David W. Vandewater
Jul. 16	Renee Marie Albair	Theresa E. Chaput	Francis H. Albair
Jul. 17	Erin Lee Buchanan	Robin L. Duncan	Richard L. Buchanan
Jul. 20	Elisa Nay	Deborah Davies	Everett A. Nay
Jul. 29	Jamie Elizabeth Playdon	Elizabeth A. Troy	Michael K. Playdon
Jul. 29	Lucas Benjamin Perkins	Joyce E. Hartwick	Frank A. Perkins, Jr.
Aug. 6	Laura Anne Maricic	Barbara L. Kress	Thomas D. Maricic
Aug. 17	James Joseph Meade	Janice Buckley	Paul J. Meade
Aug. 26	Jennifer Ann Carpenito	Sandra A. Morel	Henry F. Carpenito
Aug. 30	Junnifer Catherine Lowe	Catherine R. Chausse	Sterling A. Lowe
Sep. 3	Douglas Aspland	Mary L. Dooley	Brian M. Aspland
Sep. 22	Edward Dixon Grant	Carol L. Pancko	Kenneth R. Grant
Sep. 22	Paul Michael Grant	Carol L. Pancko	Kenneth R. Grant

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

DATE	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE	BY WHOM MARRIED
Jan. 11	William Michael Rose	Atkinson, NH	Clara B. Shaw
	Vicki Ann Ward	Atkinson, NH	Justice of the Peace
Jan. 17	John W. Luongo	Sandown, NH	Ernest C. Pillsbury
	Joyce A. Mitchell	Atkinson, NH	Justice of the Peace
Jan. 17	Frederick John Waters,Sr.	Atkinson, NH	Bettie C. Ouellette
	Louise M. Lorraine Lacasse	Atkinson, NH	Justice of the Peace
Feb. 14	David Joseph Callahan	Haverhill, MA	Daniel H. Andernacht
	Jane Garner Mallen	Atkinson, NH	Justice of the Peace
Feb. 14	Michael Wayne McIlvoy	Granite City, ILL	Rev. Peter W. Lovejoy
	Dianne Clark Rockwell	Atkinson, NH	Clergyman
Feb. 14	Thomas Arthur Ingham	Westville, NH	Rev. Roland W. Veillette
	Janet Claire Connell	Atkinson, NH	R.C. Priest
Apr. 24	James E. Defeo	Atkinson, NH	Rev. Wilfred E. Houle
	Kathy Lee Smith	Atkinson, NH	RC Priest
May 6	Robert F. McCarthy	Atkinson, NH	Robert M. Conley
	Ellen M. St Pierre	Plaistow, NH	Justice of the Peace
May 8	Floyd Robert Emerson, Jr.	Plaistow, NH	Robert E. Aspinwall
	Cynthia Jane Hatt	Atkinson, NH	Pastor
May 9	Donald E. Stultz	Atkinson, NH	Rev. Peter W. Lovejoy
	Arlene L. Dufour	Haverhill, MA	Clergyman
May 15	James D. Lacroix	Plaistow, NH	Michael I. Griffin
	Ann L. MacDonald	Atkinson, NH	R.C. Priest
May 29	Thomas H. Kenney	Atkinson, NH	Pearl R. Willis
	Janice Bean	Newton, NH	Justice of the Peace

DATE	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE	BY WHOM MARRIED
Jun. 12	Mark Loren Parsons Margo Ruth Gouldsbrough	Atkinson, NH Plaistow, NH	Robert E. Aspinwall Pastor
Jun. 12	John E. Curtis Jacqueline A. Moore	Atkinson, NH Newton, NH	Pearl R. Willis Justice of the Peace
Jul. 18	John M. Wu Bonnie Beth Bailey	Atkinson, NH Atkinson, NH	Rev. Peter W. Lovejoy Clergyman
Aug. 14	Steven John Butler Beverly Jean Magill	Atkinson, NH Derry, NH	Rev. John Torosian, Sr. Minister
Aug. 21	David Goodrich Cogswell Gina Marie Salerno	Plaistow, NH Atkinson, NH	Rev. John Finnigan R.C. Priest
Sep. 3	Carl W. E. Anderson Judith E. Gillen	Londonderry, NH Haverhill, MA	Rev. Peter W. Lovejoy Clergyman
Sep. 4	John Nicholas Rigattieri Carolyn Marie Forenza	Atkinson, NH Atkinson, NH	Irving S. Jones Minister
Sep. 11	Donald Lawrence Murphy, Jr. Joan Monica LeBlanc	Atkinson, NH Plaistow, NH	Rev. Richard L. Provencher R.C. Priest
Oct. 2	Terrance Frederick O'Brien Carol Ann Lailloux	Atkinson, NH Lynn, MA	Phyllis A. Ranowska Justice of the Peace
Oct. 2	Glenn Armand Chaloux Judith Pauline Kimber	Atkinson, NH Atkinson, NH	Michael J. Griffin R.C. Priest

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ATKINSON
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	AGE	NAMES OF PARENTS
Jan. 2	Marie (Soullie) Roger	81	Unknown
Jan. 19	Albert D. Brooks	79	Joseph Brooks - Rose M. Brooks
Feb. 5	Howard M. Richards	87	Joshua A. Richards - Edine Russell
Feb. 11	Bailey S. Bartlett	89	Burial
Mar. 26	Charles P. Lake	83	Alexander G. Lake - Charlotte Serrette
Apr. 11	Polly (Barnum) Lunnin	80	Walter A. Barnum - Lucinda J. Noyes
May 2	Harrison M. Post	87	James Post - Cornelia Palmer
May 8	Scott T. Huff	16	Harvey B. Huff - Patty A. Durgin
May 24	Anna Goddard	67	Burial
Jun. 13	Joseph A. Thibeault	57	Albert Thibeault - Sara Allen
Jun. 13	Sharon Diane Kellett	18	Henry Kellett - Mary Hodgdon
Aug. 17	Wallace William Clevesy	84	Burial
Sep. 15	Mary Elizabeth Porter	72	John L. Marshall - Linda E. Locke
Oct. 2	Gladys (Holt) Hamilton	77	Edwin Holt - Edna Brothers

TOWN OF ATKINSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Population: 3,160 Total Area: 11.2 Square Miles

1. We are a Town Government, headed by three Selectmen who meet each Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Academy Ave.

2. Our Volunteer Fire Department (362-5521) and Police Department (362-5536) are available 24 hours a day.

3. The Congregational Church is located in the center of town. Holy Angels Catholic Church is located on Route 121, just over the Plaistow line. Other denominational churches may be found within a mile, in other communities.

4. Atkinson is a part of the Timberlane Regional School District which also includes the Towns of Plaistow, Danville and Sandown. The Rockwell School and Atkinson Academy house students in grades 1 through 5; students in grades 6 through 8 attend the Timberlane Regional Junior High School; and grades 9 through 12 attend Timberlane Regional Senior High School. Both of those schools are in Plaistow.

5. Our tax rate this year is $3.68 per hundred. The town was revalued in 1972-73 by the NewHampshire Board of Revenue Administration.

6. There is no town water or sewerage, but some developers do have their own water system. Our town is presently zoned residentially, and requires one acre lots. We are not zoned for apartments or trailers.

7. The Kimball Public Library, located on Academy Avenue next to the Fire Station, is open three days each week.

8. Atkinson has the following organizations which meet regularly: Garden Club; Atkinson Grange; Friends of the Kimball Library; Women's Civic Club; Women's Fellowship Club: Men's Club; Day Home Extension Group and the Evening Home Extension Group. There is also an XYZ Club for senior citizens, and all phases of scouting. Recreational programs include Junior Football League teams; Little and Minor League baseball; basketball, and girl's softball.

9. Town Boards meet as follows: Planning Board - second and fourth Thursdays; Board of Adjustment - third Wednesday; Budget Committee - third Tuesday; Conservation Commission - second Monday; and Recreation Commission - second Wednesday. All boards and Commissions meet in the Town Hall.

If you are a registered voter and would like to serve as a member of one of the following boards or commissions, please fill out the form below, checking your area of interest, and submit to the Selectmen's Office.

PLANNING BOARD _____

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT _____

RECREATION COMMISSION _____

CONSERVATION COMMISSION _____

OTHER (Specify) _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

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